

STATE OF OREGON
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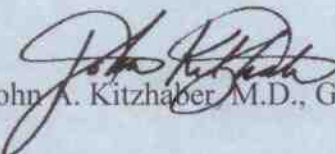
- WHEREAS:** Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a group of genetic disorders involving mutations in connective tissue characterized by looseness, instability, and dislocations of the joints, skin that bruises, scars, and tears easily, unpredictable arterial and organ rupture, internal bleeding, shock, stroke, and premature death. It is estimated the prevalence of all types of Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome is 1 in 5,000 births worldwide; and
- WHEREAS:** A network of worldwide support groups have proved of great benefit to individuals with EDS. Not only do these organizations help in managing life with EDS, they are also vital in providing up-to-date information to the medical profession and public at large. There is little research being undertaken into EDS, however, there continues to be hope that genetic testing and research will be increased; and
- WHEREAS:** There is neither routine screening nor a cure for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome. Early and accurate diagnosis can provide the opportunity to create life-saving emergency medical plans, ensure proper monitoring, and improve quality of life and support for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome families in the State of Oregon.
- NOW,
THEREFORE:** I, John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby proclaim **May 2013** to be

EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

in Oregon and encourage all Oregonians to join in this observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, January 30, 2013.




John A. Kitzhaber, M.D., Governor


Kate Brown, Secretary of State